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SUBJECT: MBFR: OCTOBER 26 SPC DISCUSSION OF DATA ISSUE

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1. SPC AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO GOVERNMENTS ACCEPTANCE OF NEW OVERALL U.S. FIGURES CONTAINED REFTEL. FIGURES RECOMMENDED ON PROVISIONAL BASIS SUBJECT TO FURTHER ANALYSIS. EXCEPT FOR BELGIAN RESERVATION, ALL AGREED THAT, IF ACCEPTED BY CAPITALS, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS COULD USE THESE FIGURES IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. SPC WILL MEET MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 TO HEAR REPORTS ON SUCCESS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION.

2. ON QUESTION OF PUBLIC RELEASE OF DATA, HOWEVER, ALL ALLIES, EXCEPT U.S., ACCEPTED UK VIEW (USNATO 5130) THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT PUBLICIZE FIGURES UNTIL THEY ARE TABLED IN NEGOTIATIONS. ALLIED SPOKESMEN COULD REFER TO IISS FIGURES, AS LONG AS THEY STATED SECRET

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CLEARLY THAT THESE FIGURES WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH NATO FIGURES, WHICH ARE MORE PRECISE. TO GIVE PRESS A GOOD IDEA OF NATO FIGURES, SPC AGREED THAT ALLIED SPOKESMEN COULD RELEASE MANPOWER AND TANK

RATIOS BETWEEN NATO AND WARSAW PACK GROUND FORCES IN NGA.
SEE SEPTTEL FOR TEXT OF RATIOS PREPARED BY MBFR STAFF GROUP ON
OCTOBER 26 IN PREPARATION FOR SPC MEETING.

3. SEE SEPTTEL FOR DETAILED REPORT OF OCTOBER 26 DISCUSSIONS
IN SPC AND MBFR WORKING GROUP AND REQUEST FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.
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